



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2003, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – 5th floor conference room

Members Present: Manuel Carrasco, David McNiel, Heather Troxel, Steve Stearns, Christina Duran, Pat Watson, Jay Dyer, Wivory Brandle, Suzy Q Parker, Jacob Hernandez, Laura Powers, Marisol Ruiz, Brian Percy, Erin House, Carolyn Hart, Randy Akes, Jr.

Members Excused: Nancy Hart, Dana Kruckenberg, Cynthia Woods

Members Unexcused: Annette Martinez-Lievanos, Rita Nieto, John Arroyos, Barbara Brown

Guests: Kristin Akes, Eric, Lindsay Abercrombie, Joshua Duran, Paul Chavez, Marie Leggette, Mary Jane Dana

Staff: Eva Yakutis McNiel, Director, Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco at 6:40 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

Motion to approve minutes of September 8, 2003, with corrections as follows: Add David McNiel, Laura Powers, Erin House, and Jay Dyer to excused list. Motion carried.

(Akes/C. Hart/carried)

3. Bylaws Subcommittee report and recommendations

David McNiel reported on behalf of the committee and gave recommendations as to amendments to the RNP bylaws as follows:

Article III:

Suggested amendment to Section 3 as follows:

If a current sitting member's seat becomes vacant before the completion of his/her term, the next runners up from the previous neighborhood conference caucus will be asked to fill the position ~~until the next caucus and elections at the next neighborhood conference~~ until the end of that seat's term. If no alternate runner up is available, that seat will remain vacant until the next election cycle at which time the position will be filled for the remainder of its term.

Motion was made to approve the amendment. Motion carried.

Suggested addition of a Section 4 to read as follows:

Any tie vote arrived at during a neighborhood caucus will be settled by lottery conducted by the caucus leader.

Motion was made to approve the addition of Section 4 to read as follows: "Any tie vote for boardmembers or alternates arrived at during a neighborhood caucus will be settled by lottery conducted by the caucus leader."

(Stearns/McNiel/carried)

Suggested addition of a Section 5 to read as follows:

In the event a residential member changes his/her residence address to a new neighborhood area, that member shall surrender his/her seat to the first alternate/runner-up for the remainder of the term.

Motion made to approve the additional Section 5. Motion carried.

Discussion followed as Mr. McNiel moved this change forward in error. It had been originally tabled by the subcommittee and not intended to be considered tonight.

Motion made to table this item.

(Dyer/Brandle/carried)

Suggested amendment to Section 2:

Term of board membership shall be 3 years for residential members, and term length for appointed members will be at the discretion of the organization they represent.

Motion to approve amendment carried.

Article V:

Suggested amendment to Section 2:

~~The Chairperson and one Vice Chair will at all times be neighborhood representatives.~~

Motion made to approve an amendment as follows: “The Chairperson **or** one Vice Chair will at all times be a neighborhood representative. Discussion followed.

Amended motion that the amendment read: “At least two officers (Chairperson, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair) will at all times be neighborhood representatives.

(Dyer/Stearns/carried)

Suggested amendment to Section 3:

The officers shall be elected from the membership at the ~~first meeting in July~~ **October** meeting of each year.

Motion to approve amendment carried.

Suggested amendment to Section 4:

Each officer shall serve a term of one (1) year beginning in ~~July~~ **October** and ending in ~~June~~ **September** of that fiscal year. **No chairperson shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive years.**

Motion made to split consideration of this amendment by taking them one sentence at a time.

(Dyer/Brandle/carried)

Suggested amendment to Section 4:

Each officer shall serve a term of one (1) year beginning in ~~July~~ **October** and ending in ~~June~~ **September** of that fiscal year.

Motion to approve amendment carried.

No chairperson shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive years.

Motion to approve amendment carried.

4. Mayor Loveridge – Good Neighborhood Program

After a brief presentation, the Mayor challenged the RNP to present a yearly report card on the Good Neighborhood Program to send to the City Council including three strong recommendations. Discussion followed.

Motion made to approve the Mayor’s recommendation and establish a subcommittee to respond to the Mayor’s challenge.
(McNiell/Akes/carried)

5. Election of Officers

The following names were presented as nominees for RNP Chairperson for 2003/2004: Randy Akes, Jr., and Steve Stearns. Both made a statement about themselves. A vote was taken, and Randy Akes, Jr., was elected chairperson.

The following names were presented as nominees for RNP 1st Vice Chairperson for 2003/2004: Steve Stearns and Jay Dyer. Both made a statement about themselves. A vote was taken, and Steve Stearns was elected 1st vice chairperson.

The following name was presented as nominees for RNP 2nd Vice Chairperson for 2003/2004: Jay Dyer. A vote was taken, and Jay Dyer was elected 2nd vice chairperson.

Randy Akes, Jr., took over the chairmanship of the remainder of the meeting.

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Neighborhood Matching Grants

Jay Dyer, Subcommittee Chair, reported on behalf of the subcommittee. He gave an overview of the three grants submitted and being moved forward for funding. The three groups were Tiburon Neighborhood Association, Friends of Myra Linn, and Autumn Ridge Flower Power for Kids. Following discussion and statements from a representative of Tiburon Neighborhood, the three grants were approved by motion in the amounts of \$1,000, \$1,000, and \$600, respectively.

b. Jack B. Clark Good Neighbor Award

David McNiel reported on behalf of the subcommittee and moved forward for approval the name of Gary Coffey as the 2003 Jack B. Clark Good Neighbor Award recipient. Motion was made and carried to approve the recommendation.

7. Traffic Calming

Manuel Carrasco recommended that a subcommittee of the RNP be formed to meet with the planning commission a few times a year or quarterly to discuss traffic calming issues. The following subcommittee was formed: David McNiel, Steve Stearns, Carolyn Hart, Wivory Brandle, Jay Dyer, and Manuel Carrasco as alternate. Meeting date set of Monday, November 3, 5:30 p.m., 6th floor, city hall.

8. Office of Neighborhoods report

- a. **Board member questionnaires** – members were reminded to return their questionnaires
- b. **Neighborhood Leadership Academy** – report made as to status of NLA
- c. **Neighborhood Awards Ceremony** – report made as to status of arrangements for November 22 event
- d. **Future Agenda Items were discussed as follows:**
 - Mayor's Proposal
 - Discussion about hazardous waste
 - January: Regreen Evergreen
 - December: Will we be having a meeting?

9. Other Business/Public Comment

- Jay Dyer asked to be excused from the last meeting. Also inquired as to whether corrections had been made to the roster.
- Steve Stearns reported on the dedication of the Sports Wall of Fame
- Carolyn hart reported on the Crest Sludge Spill and shared information from residents in the area.
- Steve Stearns made a motion to send a letter to the City Council regarding the RNP's concerns about the sludge spill pollution and the apparent lack of speedy notice to the neighborhood. Motion carried

10. Next Meeting: November 3, 2003, 6:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned

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